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DEPARTMENT FOR SCA/SCS AND VO

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SREF
SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN KUWAIT

REF: KUWAIT 3746, B. 74 STATE 1-6610

1. FOR DEPARTMENT. POST HAS RECEIVED COPY OF
TELEGRAM FROM KUWAIT MISSION GENEVA TO KUWAIT
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DATED 8 JULY CONCERNING
THE SEVEN VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN KUWAIT. MESSAGE
READS IN PART AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE. THE OFFICE
OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS THE HONOR TO REQUEST
THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT THROUGH THE PERMANENT
MISSION OF KUWAIT TO ALLOW THE GROUP TO STAY
TEMPORARILY IN KUWAIT WHILE THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH
COMMISSIONER MAKES EVERY EFFORT TO FIND RESETTLEMENT
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE GROUP. THE OFFICE OF THE
HIGH COMMISSIONER SHALL ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE GROUP DURING
THEIR TEMPORARY STAY IN KUWAIT AND FOR THE
TRANSPORTATION OF THE DISPLACED PERSONS CONCERNED TO
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THE COUNTRY OR COUNTRIES OF RESETTLEMENT. END QUOTE.

2. ADDITIONALLY, IN DISCUSSION WITH MINISTRY
OFFICIALS JULY 10, POST LEARNED THAT THE REFUGEES
ARE NOW ASHORE AND BEING HOUSED IN MINISTRY OF
INTERIOR POLICE STATION. MFA OFFICIAL EXPLAINED
THAT THEY COULD NOT BE RELEASED BECAUSE THEY DO NOT

HAVE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND THAT IF THE REFUGEES HAD TRAVEL DOCUMENTS GOK WOULD PUT THEM IN GUEST QUARTERS OR IN A HOTEL. OFFICIAL ALSO SAID THAT THE GOK PREPARED TO FINANCE HOUSING EXPENSES HERE AND WOULD BE WILLING TO PAY THEIR TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES TO THE US IF THE US AGREES TO LET THEM ENTER (OR TO OTHER DESTINATION).

3. EMBASSY RECEIVED A TELEX JULY 9 FROM MR. GOTTHART (SEE REFTTEL) INDICATING THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THEIR DETENTION ASHORE. HE FURTHER IDENTIFIED MS. NOG DUY BUI AS HIS NIECE AND MR. NGO THI CAM UYEN AS HIS NEPHEW. HE REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY SEEK RELEASE AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEM, AND STATED THAT IMMIGRATION PAPERS ARE BEING PROCESSED.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE GOTTHART, INFORM HIM OF CONTENTS OF PARA. 1 (WITHOUT REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO MINISTRY DOCUMENT) AND SAY THAT EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT THE UN IS TAKING THE MATTER IN HAND. ALSO PLEASE INFORM GOTTHART THAT EMBASSY IS PROHIBITED FROM ASKING FOR RELEASE OF VIETNAMESE OR FROM TAKING CUSTODY OF THEM, AND EXPLAIN REASONS FOR THIS PROHIBITION.

5. FOR GENEVA. REQUEST USMISSION GENEVA CONSIDER UNCLASSIFIED

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POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION FOR REFUGEES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS. KUWAITI MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFFS THAT THE MINISTRY WOULD ISSUE LAISSEZ-PASSER TO REFUGEES WHEN READY TO TRAVEL. WE WONDER, HOWEVER, WHETHER SUCH A DOCUMENT WOULD SUFFICE FOR TRAVEL TO THE US OR ELSEWHERE. PLEASE ADVISE, ON BASIS OF YOUR EXPERTISE (REF. B).
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